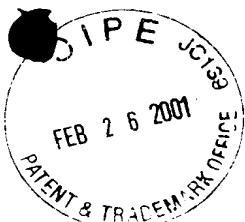


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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 26, 2000, petition for a two-month extension of time and payment being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Replace original claims 29 and 36 with new claims 29 and 36 as follows:

29 (Amended). A method for identifying and producing a molecule which causes modulation of the phosphorylation of the intracellular domain of the 26 kDa TNF, comprising:

a) screening molecules by testing each molecule to determine if the molecule causes modulation of the phosphorylation of the intracellular domain of the 26 kDa TNF by increasing or decreasing the extent of said phosphorylation; and